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INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET FORM JS-44

Authority for Civil Cover Sheet

6-44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replaces nor supplements the filings and service of pleading or ders as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United her tates in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. Consequently a vil cover sheet is submitted to the clerk of Court for each civil complaint filed. The attorney filing a case should complete the form as illows:

- (a) Plaintiffs-Defendants. Enter names (last, first middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government jency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency identify first ie agency and then the official, giving both name and title.
- (b) County of Residence. For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed aintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the me of filling. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the location of the tract of land involved.)
- (c) Attorneys. Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on n attachment, noting in this section "(see attachment)".
- Jurisdiction. The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.C.P., which requires that jurisdiction be shown in pleadings. Place 1 "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.

nited States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included

nited States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box.

ederal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an mendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff r defendant code takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked.

iversity of citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1332, where parties are citizens of different states. When Box 4 is checked, ne citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below; federal question actions take precedence over diversity ases.)

- I. Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties. This section of the JS-44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. lark this section for each principal party.
- Cause of Action. Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause.
- Nature of Suit. Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If the nature of suit cannot be determined, be sure the cause of action, in Section / above, is sufficient to enable the deputy clerk or the statistical clerks in the Administrative Office to determine the nature of suit. If the ause fits more than one nature of suit, select the most definitive.
- 1. Origin. Place an "X" in one of the seven boxes.

riginal Proceedings. (1) Cases which originate in the United States district courts. emoved from State Court. (2) Proceedings initiated in state courts may be removed to the district courts under Title 28 U.S.C., Section 441. When the petition for removal is granted, check this box.

emanded from Appellate Court. (3) Check this box for cases remanded to the district court for further action. Use the date of remand as ne filing date.

einstated or Reopened. (4) Check this box for cases reinstated or reopened in the district court. Use the reopening date as the filing date.

ransferred from Another District. (5) For cases transferred under Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1404(a). Do not use this for within district ansfers of multidistrict litigation transfers.

fultidistrict Litigation. (6) Check this box when a multidistrict case is transferred into the district under authority of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 407. When this box is checked, do not check (5) above.

ppeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment. (7) Check this box for an appeal from a magistrate judge's decision.

II. Requested in Complaint. Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P.

emand. In this space enter the dollar amount (in thousands of dollars) being demanded or indicate other demand such as a preliminary ijunction.

and. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded. ury [

III. Related Cases. This section of the JS-44 is used to reference related pending cases if any. If there are related pending cases, insert ne docket numbers and the corresponding judge names for such cases. ate and Attorney Signature. Date and sign the civil cover sheet.